

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS COUNCIL OF CLARK COUNTY

MINUTES

JANUARY 12, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chairman Doug Ballou.

ATTENDEES: Dick Durland, Sherwood Hills; Holly Gaya, Clark County Information and Outreach; Doug Ballou, Chairman of NACCC; Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell; Cathy Steiger, Cedars; Robyn Kim, Greater Brush Prairie; Alison Strobel, Pleasant Highlands; Jay Burris, Lacamas/Matney ; George Vartanian, Fairgrounds; William Moyer, Pleasant Highlands, Susan Gilbert, Enterprise/Paradise Point; Bridget Schwarz, Friends of Clark County; Art Stubbs, Green Meadows; Doug Carr, Battle Ground; Rob Price, Pleasant Highlands.; Debbie Abraham, Felida; Lee Wells, Ridgefield Junction; Curtis Achziger, NE Hazel Dell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Doug announced that A Citizen Corps Council is being organized throughout the U.S. with representatives from different service organizations as members. Curtis Achziger would like to sit in on these meetings so that our organization can be informed about the doings of the council. Doug believes, as did those at the table, that Curtis would be a good choice because of his active participation in county activities.

Doug also announced that he had received an e-mail from Kristi Weber regarding a garage sale sign ordinance. Doug gave her guidance about wording in the ordinance and Weber has drafted a proposal and wants to take it to the BOCC. Doug suggested she present it to us first and she will be on our February 9th agenda.

INTRODUCTIONS were made by meeting participants.

PAT LEE, Long Range Planning, of Clark County Community Development Department gave a presentation on the comp plan update. The key meetings coming up are:

December 16 was the last meeting held and the commissioners did not adopt a plan because they want to continue work on capital facilities plan; however, those working on a capital facilities plan say they need a map to know what boundary will be before they can determine capital facilities requirements.

January 14 – Board work session to 1) decide on boundaries and 2) more direction on how to proceed with capital facilities analysis.

January 27 – 10 a.m. – public hearing on moratorium on future subdivision of lands. The emergency ordinance will begin the 60-day moratorium. It has not been decided if the moratorium will include the future UGA or the entire rural area.

January 28 – Work session – 9:30 a.m. for potential individual changes within the present UGB. Planning commission recommended that BOCC consider placing on the docket the 20 or more requests for zoning changes within the UGB. They are hoping to accelerate the process.

February 3 – 10 a.m. – public hearing – BOCC considers comp plan text and code changes; i.e. mixed, use, office parks, etc.

Pat says public record is still open on any and all aspects of the comp plan for both written and oral testimony.

Pat went over the Planning Commission recommended map and identified some of the “hot spots” that are of the greatest concern to citizens who testified during the Commissioner’s public hearings in December.

There was also some discussion about the mixed-use ordinance. Many believe that ordinance should be re-worked and tightened up. There is too much floor area given to commercial use as well as the percentage of commercial too high. It was thought that many people are opposed to mixed-use because they believe it would have more of a negative impact and hesitate to want to endorse it in their own neighborhoods. Until the county can come up with a clear-cut and attractive mixed use package, valuable commercial and industrial land will be lost to housing because the present ordinance is vague and unattractive.

TOM HAGLEY, TODD HORENSTEIN OF VANCOUVER SCHOOL DISTRICT gave a presentation concerning the boundary changes within the district. The good news is that over the past few years three bond issues were passed but the downside is that boundaries are to be shifted. They are in the third construction phase with three schools this year and three next year. The boundary changes will be for next September. They developed a shift plan to start the dialogue, but it was never intended to be the final plan and it has gone out to the public for their input. Tom handed out a document that detailed the process and timeline for the school boundary changes to be finalized. They have held 12 public meetings and staff analysis of public input is nearing completion. On Monday, January 26 the School Board will meet and a public hearing on the superintendent’s recommendation will be held. A second meeting will be held on Monday, February 9 for a public hearing, second reading and then board action is anticipated on the superintendent’s recommendation. February – June is slated for communication with families on new, board-adopted boundaries, student forecasting process, and school-based activities to acquaint students and families with their school, teachers, principal.

The VSC website www.vansd.org will post new boundaries and school newspapers and local media will be contacted.

Doug then asked Todd and Tom about their perspective on the comp plan and growth in Clark County. They indicated that they have been outspoken about the outcome of growth (negative) and they are most concerned about neighboring school districts and how they will cope if new bond issues fail. Their biggest concern is that the BOCC is not paying attention to the quality of development and that we need ways to develop economically viable and healthy communities. The comp plan needs to address quality of life, which goes beyond schools and encompasses every aspect of our lives.

NEIGHBORHOOD REPORTS:

Dick Durland, Sherwood Hills NA, reported that a methadone clinic is going in at 117th and hwy. 99 which is a private clinic serving about 300 people per day.

Debbie Abraham, Felida NA reported that the VSD boundary changes have made many in their neighborhood unhappy.

Bill Moyer, Pleasant Highlands NA, also mentioned that VSD proposed boundary changes have made many of his neighbors unhappy. He also talked about the traffic on 50th avenue that turns

into the Greyhawk Development. It is a very dangerous hill with little or no ability to see what is coming. Already there has been a bad head-on accident involving a driver who hit Holly's daughter head on.

Robyn Kim, Greater Brush Prairie NA reported that an anonymous flier was mailed out to residents in her area regarding the Lakeside Asphalt plant proposed development. This flier contained pictures of skulls on it as well as quotes from different sources around the country that said how dangerous asphalt plants were to one's health. The flier stated that anyone who had questions should call Robyn and listed her number. The Greater Brush Prairie NA had absolutely nothing to do with the flyer and she is in the process of contacting her constituency and the media to let them know. There is no indication as to who was responsible.

Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell NA, reported that the code enforcement meeting was canceled due to weather and will be rescheduled. The construction sign discussion was also set back. A nightclub in the old winery on Hwy 99 called Bliss is in the process of being shut down because of a number of alcohol-related disturbances.

Bud also announced that the NE Hazel Dell NA and the Boys and Girls Club's Christmas party was a huge success with over 250 kids attending. \$10,000 in toys was donated by Toys R Us for the party. Many disadvantaged kids received lots of toys and sports equipment as well as bikes.

Doug Carr, Battle Ground NA, announced that the Battle Ground City Manager made a presentation to the City Council on what a neighborhood association would look like. His association was not mentioned or asked for input.

Curtis Achziger attended the Vancouver City Council hearing on Rosemere NA. He indicated that Rosemere leadership and the opposition group were not even speaking the same language. Some discussion was held around the table.

Bridget Schwarz – FoCC will be holding two meetings; 1st week in Feb. 7 p.m., 6th floor of County Services building on Green belt – polluted indoor air – the County services building received the first green belt award. 1st week in March subject will the hidden costs of growth with the sheriff talking about new jail space, Doug will talk about neighborhood impacts and Bob Byrd of TPP will talk on citizen-devised transportation solutions.

Bridget also PROUDLY ANNOUNCED THAT SHE HAS BEEN CHOSEN BY THE YWCA AND CLARK COLLEGE AS ONE OF 8 WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT AND WILL BE HONORED AT THE MARCH 12 LUNCHEON.

Lee Wells, Ridgefield Junction NA announced that a subdivision is going in Ridgefield with 200+ homes.

George Vartanian, Fairgrounds NA announced that amphitheatre folks sent in their traffic monitoring reports. The county has received them but no action taken yet.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gilbert, Secretary

Reviewed by Doug Ballou, January 18, 2004.